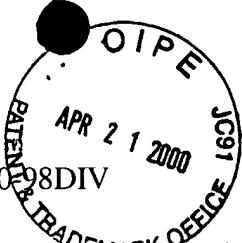


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The enclosed references were cited in a Japanese application corresponding to the present application.

Japanese reference 7-76063 discloses a printing machine with an exchangeable cylinder. Applicants do not have an English language translation of this reference readily available.

Japanese reference 4-247472 discloses an electrophotographic printing machine in which the print does not need to be monitored and the density of the pattern is stable. Applicants do not have a complete English language translation of this reference, however, an English language summary is provided.

Japanese reference 4-42264 discloses a method for electrophographic wet developing. Applicants also do not have an English language translation of this reference readily available.

Japanese reference 4-134457 discloses an electrophotographic plate making machine. Although applicants do not have a complete English language translation of this reference an English language abstract is provided.

Japanese reference 4-097848 discloses an offset printing method and a printing press. Once again applicants do not have a complete English language translation of this reference, but instead only an English language abstract which is also enclosed.

Japanese reference 3-13392 discloses a form cylinder arranged in an offset printing machine for direct imaging. Applicants once again do not have an English language translation of this reference.

Japanese reference 5-229090 discloses a printing machine with an electrochemically alterable printing form. Once again applicants do not have readily available an English language translation of this reference.

The present invention defines a specific method of imaging an erasable printing form which is not believed to be disclosed by the enclosed references.

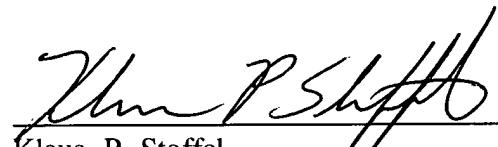
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